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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application is a Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

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SIR:

In response to a March 30, 2006 Office Action in the aboveidentified application, please amend, without prejudice, the above-captioned application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.